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1. MALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ALIOUNE BLONDIN BEYE RETURNED TO NOUAKCHOTT SEPTEMBER 9 AFTER HIS VISITS TO ALGIERS AND RABAT TO CONFER AGAIN BRIEFLY WITH PRESIDENT SALECK. BEYE WAS QUOTED IN GOVERNMENT DAILY CHAAB AS REPORTING THAT MESSAGES HE CARRIED TO THREE LEADERS WERE QUOTE RELATIVE TO THE SITUATION IN THE SUB-REGION WHICH NOW PREOCCUPIES US, AS MALIANS, AS A NUMBER ONE PRIORITY. END QUOTE.

2. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS STATE THAT SALECK HAS GIVEN BEYE A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT TRAORE WHICH INDICATES THAT SALECK WILL MEET VERY SHORTLY IN BAMAKO WITH TRAORE QUOTE IN THE CONTEXT OF ORGANIZATIONAL CONTACTS (CEAO AND OMVS) END QUOTE. BEYE WAS FURTHER QUOTED AS SAYING THAT AT PRESENT ALL EFFORTS ARE LEANING TOWARD A SEARCH FOR STABILITY IN THE REGION, ADDING THAT ALL PARTIES CONCERNED HAVE AGREED TO ENTRUST THE PROBLEM TO THE OAU. BEYE SAID THAT AFTER CONTACT (PRESUMABLY HIS) WITH

ALL OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES TO THE SAHARA DISPUTE, THE COMMITTEE OF WISE MEN WILL TAKE UP THE QUESTION. THE CHAAB ARTICLE GOES ON TO SPECULATE THAT THE MALIAN MINISTER'S PEREGRINATIONS (CHASSE-CROISE) ARE INTIMATELY LINKED TO THE MAKE-UP AND MODALITIES OF THE WISE MEN COMMITTEE.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIALS USE: WHILE REFERENCES WERE CONTINUE TO ASSOCIATE UPCOMING SALECK VISIT TO BAMAKO WITH OMVS OR CEAO (REF A), THE TWO BEYE VISITS TOGETHER WITH REPORTS OF PRESIDENT TRAORE'S PLANNED 3-DAY VISIT TO RABAT AND HIS CONVERSATIONS LAST WEEK WITH POLISARIO INFORMATION MINISTER MOHAMED SALEM OULD SALEK LEND CREDENCE TO THE ASSUMPTION THAT MALI IS PREPARED TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SEEKING A SOLUTION TO WESTERN SAHARA PROBLEM, MOST LIKELY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE OAU COMMITTEE OF WISE MEN. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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